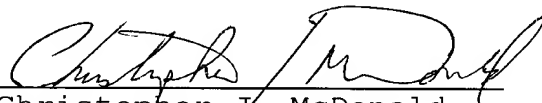


**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claim 21 has been added and claim 9-21 are now pending. The prior art does not disclose the calculation of a maximum temperature under the parameters of a set amount of pasteurization units. The prior art utilizes a relatively low temperature and log period of time to administer the set amount of pasteurization units. When a high temperature is utilized, the temperature is chosen without regard to the number of pasteurization units. The invention utilizes the highest possible temperature without exceeding a set amount of pasteurization units. This method is not disclosed in the prior art and the claims are allowable.

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